

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025



THE HAWTHORNS PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1 DECEMBER

ASPIRATIONAL QUALITY: KINDNESS

THEME: ADVENT

AIM: TO CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO WAIT FOR SOMETHING WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Saturday 29 November 2025

please join us

Hawthorns
Primary School
Parent Teacher Association

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find unique gifts, a magical atmosphere and festive spirit!

GIFT & CRAFT STALLS * TOMBOLAS & BAR

SANTA'S GROTTO

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
11AM-3PM

Year 4

Year 4 have begun a new writing journey- all about describing chocolate!

On Monday they visited Willy Wonka's chocolate factory to immerse themselves in what a chocolate factory might feel like.





Please can we ask all parents to be considerate when parking near the school and to respect the access areas and property of local residents.

We have been informed of some dangerous and inconsiderate parking down Chestnut Avenue, including blocking driveways.

Please can we remind you to park safely and ensure gardens, driveways and pathways are kept clear.

We appreciate everyone doing their bit to keep our school community safe and happy.
Thank you for your co-operation.



Emily and Molly represented our school in a workshop run by the NSPCC. The charity are working closely with The Circle Trust in improving the way they communicate with young people through their on-line platform. The girls shared their ideas brilliantly.



MATCH RESULTS

Hawthorns v St Dominic's

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The Year 5/6 Hawthorns football team kicked off their league campaign in style on Tuesday afternoon with an impressive 3-0 victory. Facing a strong and talented opposition, the team showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the match. Their hard work and perseverance paid off with a well-deserved win.

Congratulations to the whole squad!



Maths literally turned magical on Monday for four of our Year 6 children who attended an event hosted by Luckley House School.



Mr Vallance, maths specialist and member of The Magic Circle, led a captivated audience of eager participants through a variety of activities, which relied on factors such as the moment of a force, BIDMAS and the power of zero!

Pupils from a number of local primary schools came away with lots of new knowledge and trickery to wow their friends!



Our Outdoor Learning Christmas celebration sessions for parents:-



This is a great opportunity to see what happens in Outdoor Learning. You will have the chance to participate in the activities that your children enjoy every week!

The morning sessions will run from 9.15am-10.15am and the afternoon sessions from 2.15pm-3.15pm.

DATE AND TIME	CLASS
Friday 28 November AM	Nuthatches
Friday 28 November PM	Woodpeckers
Tuesday 02 December AM	Kingfishers
Tuesday 02 December PM	Cuckoos
Wednesday 03 December PM	Swallows
Thursday 04 December AM	Doves
Thursday 04 December PM	Blackbirds
Friday 05 December AM	Sparrows
Friday 05 December PM	Magpies
Tuesday 09 December AM	Starlings
Tuesday 09 December PM	Red Kites
Wednesday 10 December PM	Owls
Thursday 11 December AM	Robins
Thursday 11 December PM	Goldfinches

Would be grateful if you could click the link below to confirm your attendance:-

<https://forms.office.com/e/JpDC1wNb5T>



With only a few more sessions left this term, members of Art Club have taken on some festive makes!

Horrified faces at the sight of covers being torn off books and pages being folded, soon turned to excitement at the thought of being able to create their own recycled Christmas decorations!

Old books, saved from the skip, have magically become beautiful, glittering trees fit for any home decor theme!



November is Cut Your Carbon month!

Eco-Schools is calling on young people across the UK to tackle carbon emissions, one simple action at a time. Complete these 6 challenges at home with family and friends to raise awareness and spark change. At the end of the month, we'll count how many of you joined in, add up the estimated carbon saved, and celebrate your amazing efforts!

★ **Stick this checklist on your fridge – and start cutting carbon today!**

- **Make three evening meals plant-based across the month**
Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
- **Make any three journeys 'active' across the month**
Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!



Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Make 3 journeys active across the month.



CUT YOUR CARBON

REMINDER: The end of November is this weekend, and it is almost time to calculate how much carbon we have cut as a school this

month. Please return any challenges to your class Green Defender or Mrs Graham by next week.

- **Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week**
Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!
- **Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month**
Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
- **Have a device-free day**
Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
- **Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week**
Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!



Have a 'device-free' day.



Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

SEN PARENT

COFFEE AFTERNOON

Topics

- New OAP
- IEPs
- Future Meetings

Coffee
Tea
Cake!

10/12/2025
@14.30

THE HAWTHORNS PRIMARY SCHOOL
LOG CABIN




What Is Advent?

The Advent season is a four-week period in the Christian calendar that prepares people for Jesus Christ's birth at Christmas, while also pointing ahead to his promised return.

Each week of Advent emphasizes themes such as **hope, peace, joy, and love**, helping us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christmas.

Culinera invites you to our...

FOOD TASTING EVENT

The Hawthorns Primary School

FOOD TASTING EVENT
11TH DECEMBER 2025
3:30 - 4:30PM

Come and try some food samples of our Autumn/ Winter menu and speak with our Chef and team from Culinera!

We hope this is a great opportunity to discuss feedback to help us all enjoy school meals long term.

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It's that time of year...

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

18th December 2025

MAIN COURSE
Turkey roast with all the trimmings
Roast turkey with all the trimmings
Vegetable wellington
Veggie wellington with roast potatoes and festive vegetables

PUDDING
Iced Christmas tree shortbread
Christmas tree shortbread - iced
Winter forest berry yoghurt
Fruits of the forest berry yoghurt
Santas jelly
Strawberry jelly
Little elf's fruit salad
Fresh fruit salad

The team are looking forward to welcoming you...

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
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SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 29th PTA Christmas Craft Fair 11:00am to 3:00pm

DECEMBER 2025

Monday 1st Rock Steady Concert for Parents
Tuesday 2nd AM Kingfishers OL Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 2nd PM Cuckoos OL Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 3rd PM Swallows OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 4th AM Doves OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 4th PM Blackbirds OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 5th AM Sparrows OL Christmas Celebrations
Friday 5th PM Magpies OL Christmas Celebrations
Monday 8th INSET DAY
Tuesday 9th AM Starlings OL Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 9th PM Red Kites OL Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 10th PM Owls OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 11th Y6 Hampton Court Trip
Thursday 11th AM Robins OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 11th PM Goldfinches OL Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 11th Culinera Food Tasting Event 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Friday 12th School Christmas Panto to children
Friday 12th PTA Elfridges Secret Room Event
Tuesday 16th Y1&2 Nativity Play in the Church at 2:00pm
Wednesday 17th Doves Christmas Show 9:15am
Wednesday 17th Y1&2 Nativity Play in the Church at 2:00pm
Thursday 18th Robins Christmas Show 9:15am
Friday 19th LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM—2:00PM FINISH

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5th INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th First Day of the Spring Term

<https://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=20>





Hawthorns PTA dates for your diary

October 24 **SANTAS GROTTTO**
 Santa is back to visit the Hawthorns children at our Christmas craft fair. use the link to book your spot.



SCAN ME

October 25 **VOLUNTEER**
 We can't run our fair without you - please spare us an hour to help run a stall!



SCAN ME

November 3 **Raffle Tickets**
 Raffle tickets will be out W/C 3rd Nov. Please return money & stubs to the office post box.

November 4 **Elfridges**
 Secret room is back 12th December. choose a gift for your special family members by using the link.



SCAN ME

November 14 **DONATION DAY**
 We are seeking donations of new and unused gifts for adults & children, sweets, chocolate and bottles of alcohol. Thank you!

November 29 **Christmas Craft Fair**
 11am-3pm
 Grotto, Raffle, games, drinks and food. Joined by lots of local businesses!

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PROSPECT.CO.UK

Help Prospect donate £100 to the Hawthorns PTA.

Prospect Estate Agency, Wokingham's local property experts, have partnered with The Hawthorns School PTA to help raise funds for our school! Sell or let your property with Prospect, and mention 'Hawthorns School' at the free property valuation and Prospect will donate £100 to the PTA upon completion.

HAWTHORNS PTA



Keith Brindley Helen Eastwood Sarah Walker **CHAIR** Jess Prout **VICE CHAIR** Maria Dymock **TREASURER** Tabitha Rigden **SECRETARY** Maxine Featherbe-Knott Keri Devonport Rajesh Chandrasekaran Terri Holloway

Parent Information



PINS Parent Carer online Meeting



Can't make it to one of our in-person sessions?
Join one of our online Teams sessions instead!

As part of the PINS (Partnership for Neurodiversity in Schools) project, we're inviting parent carers of children with SEND - including all forms of neurodiversity, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed - to share your voice and help shape local SEND support in mainstream schools.

Wednesday 19th November 12.30 – 1.30pm

Please register here for the Teams link:
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a5948fd0-cae6-4e10-a436-b14fd547ad7e@065bae62-ab91-4d18-980e-2cdc80f1e15a>



or scan the QR code:

OR

Tuesday 9th December 7.00 – 8.00pm

Please register here for the Teams link:
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e3ca5c72-5d3d-41eb-8886-ff1f373243dc9@065bae62-ab91-4d18-980e-2cdc80f1e15a>



or scan the QR code:

Participating Primary Schools:

All Saints CofE | Bearwood | Beechwood | Charvil Piggott | Earley St Peter's CofE | Emmbrook Juniors | Evendons | Gorse Ride Infants and Juniors | Grazeley CofE | Hatch Ride Highwood | Lambs Lane | Nine Mile Ride | Polehampton CofE Infants & Juniors | Radstock Rivermead | Shinfield Infants | Shinfield St Mary's CofE | St Paul's Juniors | St Nicholas CofE | The Coombes CofE | The Hawthorns | Water Infant | Wescott Infant | Westende Juniors | Willowbank | Windmill | Winnerth | Woodley CofE

You can find out more about the PINS project at:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/pins



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SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

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Drop-in flu clinics

**Immunisation Building,
Wokingham Hospital, RG41 2RE**

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates..

- 3rd December 3-4pm
- 18th December 3-4pm

If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team.



Go to the address below to share your views and ideas

cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

**Life is expensive.
We can help.**

First Days Mobile Support Hub



Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

January to March 2026

1st Tuesday - excluding 6th Jan Prestwood Community Hall Kerith Centre Bracknell	09:30-10:30 10:45-12:00	4th Monday (except Bank Holidays) Shirfield School Green Centre	12:30-13:30
2nd Wednesday Woodley Precinct Highfield Park Wargrave Penfields Twyford	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:15 13:30-14:00	4th Wednesday Woodley Precinct Rainbow Centre Winkersley	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:00
3rd Wednesday Kerith Centre Bracknell Great Hollands Community Centre	10:00-11:00 11:30-12:30		



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